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1. SUMMARY: LJUBISA SEKULIC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE
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SERVED AS CONFERENCE RAPPORTEUR AT DAKAR, BRIEFED

EMBASSY OFFICERS ON YUGOSLAV VIEWS CONCERNING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT KAKAR, AND ON IMPLICATIONS OF TITO CRITICISM OF LACK OF NONALIGNED SOLIDARITY (SEE BELGRADE 0961) FOR YUGOSLAV POSITIONS AT CONFERENCES TO FOLLOW DAKAR. END SUMMARY

2. SEKULIC EMPHASIZED THAT NINE DAKAR POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF CHAOTIC CONDITIONS PREVAILING AT CONFERENCE. WITH ONLY THREE DAYS AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS NUMEROUS IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX ECONOMIC ISSUES, CONFERENCE DEVOTED NO TIME AT ALL TO POLITICAL MATTERS, HE SAID. POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS - TABLE HAPHAZARDLY BY ONE OR TWO DELEGATIONS EACH, PRINCIPALLY "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" - WERE ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION, WITH MOST DELEGATIONS UNAWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. TOTALLY INEXPERIENCED CONFERENCE STAFF REPORTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO CONFUSION.

3. LIKE COLLEAGUE MOUSTAFA BIJEDIC (SEE BELGRADE 0691), SEKULIC EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DAKA ECONOMIC DECISIONS WERE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO LDC UNITY AND TO ACHIEVING WORLD ECONOMIC REFORM IN COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

4. SEKULIC EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "TRADE-OFF" ACHIEVED BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND REST OF LDC'S, UNDER WHICH FORMER GAVE WHAT SEKULIC CONSIDERS FIRM ASSURANCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROSPECTIVE BUFFER STOCK ARRANGEMENTS, WHILE LATTER AGREED TO SUPPORT OIL PRODUCER POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND TO PRESS FOR INTEGRATED NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL BASIC COMMODITIES.

5. LDC-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONFERENCE DEALING IN PRACTICAL MANNER WITH ALL RAW MATERIALS IS INCONCEIVABLE, SEKULIC AGREED. INSTEAD - HE PREDICTED - INITIAL DIALOGUE WILL DEAL WITH OIL AND -- AS PREVIOUSLY FORESEEN -- SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, VENEZUELA, ALGERIA, INDIA, BRAZIL, ZAIRE (AND POSSIBLY OTHER LDC'S) WILL PARTICIPATE - BUT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-ALIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND LDC'S, SELECTED BY THEM AT FORTHCOMING NEW YORK MEETING. OIL NEGOTIATIONS ARE THEN TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

6. ASKED ABOUT SHARP TITO CRITICISM OF WEALTHY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES' FAILURE TO EXTEND SUFFICIENT ASSISTANCE TO POORER NATIONS, SEKULIC STATED THAT YUGOSLAVS WOULD PRESS HARD AT HAVANA CONFERENCE

FOR FINALIZATION AND EARLIEST RATIFICATION OF NON-
ALIGNED SOLIDARITY FUND ARRANGEMENT DRAFTED MAY
1974 IN KUWAIT. SEKULIC CLAIMED THAT "BITTERNESS" OF
INDIA, SRI LANKA AND OTHER POORER LDC'S TOWARD
NEWLY WEALTHY OIL PRODUCERS WAS NOT AS GREAT AT
DAKAR AS EARLIER, DUE TO INDIVIDUAL AID ARRANGEMENTS
CONCLUDED IN MEANTIME. HOWEVER, NEARLY ALL
PARTICIPANTS FELT THAT OIL PRODUCERS HAVE NOT DONE
NEARLY ENOUGH.

7. IN THIS CONNECTION, SEKULIC ADDED, THERE WAS
CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF USSR AS WELL, "WHICH IS IN
EXCELLENT POSITION, BENEFITTING FROM RAW MATERIAL
SHORTAGES AND PRICES, AND NOT GIVING ANY HELP."
SEKULIC CLAIMED THERE WAS LITTLE UNDERSTANDING
OF SOVIETS'S POSITION THAT, "AS NON-COLONIAL POWER"
THEY HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO LDC
DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT DETENTE ITSELF IS SUBSTANTIAL
SOVIET CONTRIBUTION.
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